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Riverside recognized as a Top Digital City

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – For the sixth year in a row, the City of Riverside was named a Top Digital City in the U.S. – coming in at #2 in 2012 beating out cities like Boston, MA, Seattle, WA, Sacramento, CA and others.

Mayor Ron Loveridge commented on the recognition as, "...not only a welcome acknowledgment of Riverside's creative culture but also one that generates results."

e.Republic's Center for Digital Government and Digital Communities Program leads the survey which focuses on results achieved by cities via the use of technology, in operating efficiencies and realizing strategic objectives despite current fiscal constraints. Examples of accomplishments from top ranked cities were a reduction in overtime by using new technology, embracing a new concept called "bring your own device" where employees are allowed to access data with a personal device to reduce hardware costs, and development of an app that keeps track of what users are doing to reduce power and fuel consumption.

"Cities that are investing in technology are seeing huge cost savings that are critical to operations and their ability to meet higher demand for services," said Todd Sander, Executive Director of Digital Communities. "These cities are true innovators and we applaud them as they work in the spirit of collaboration to provide extraordinary value to constituents despite budget setbacks."

The Top Ten ranked cities will be honored at a special awards ceremony concurrent with the National League of Cities annual conference on November 30.

The Center for Digital Government is a national research and advisory institute on information technology practices and best practices in state and local government.